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SUBJECT: LOCAL DP LEADER SAYS NEW GOVERNMENT TO BE
FORMED

REF: ANKARA 1811

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH POLOFF MARCH 6 IZMIR PROVINCIAL
CHAIRMAN OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY, LATIF OZTURK, SAID THERE
WAS EIGHTY PERCENT PROBABILITY THAT RPP AND DP WITH
HELP OF INDEPENDENTS WOULD ESTABLISH ELECTION GOVERN-
MENT UNDER PM IRMAK WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. HE CLAIMED
DISSIDENTS WITHIN DP LED BY BILGIC HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO

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HEAVY PRESSURE BY PARTY RANK AND FILE AND HAD ABANDONED
COMMITMENT TO NATIONAL FRONT UNDER LEADERSHIP OF JP
CHAIRMAN DEMIREL. HE FURTHER ASSERTED THAT BILGIC, WHO
WILL PROBABLY BE GIVEN CABINET POSITION, HAS AGREED TO
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SUPPORT DP-RPP COALITION UNDER IRMAK AND ONLY TWO

DISSIDENTS (TALAT ASAL AND MUTLU MENDERES) WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN VOTE OF CONFIDENCE. COALITION HOPES TO POLL 230 VOTES.

2. OZTURK, WHO IS WELL CONNECTED WITH NATIONAL LEADERSHIP, SAID ONLY CONDITION OF DP PARTICIPATION IS THAT MINISTER OF EDUCATION BE FROM DP. DP WOULD PREFER OCTOBER ELECTION DATE BUT DOES NOT RULE OUT EARLIER DATE COMPLETELY.

3. COMMENT: OZTURK HAS PROMOTED IDEA OF ELECTION GOVERNMENT WITH RPP BEFORE. HE BELIEVES DP COULD PROFIT DOUBLY BY BEING IN POWER AT ELECTION TIME AND SHARING SOME OF LUSTER RPP GAINED AS RESULT OF CYPRUS OPERATION. HE IS ALSO FLAMBOYANT PERSON GIVEN TO EXAGGERATION. NEVERTHELESS, DURING LAST TWO YEARS HE HAS BEEN ACCURATE SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT DP, AND

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THERE IS NO QUESTION HE BELIEVES NEW GOVERNMENT WILL BE FORMED. IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION MARCH 7, OZTURK SAID STATEMENT BY DP LEADER BOZBEYLI APPARENTLY RULING OUT DP-RPP BASED GOVERNMENT (REFTEL) GIVEN UNDUE PRESS ATTENTION AND THAT EARLIER STATEMENT THAT DP WOULD SUPPORT IRMAK IN HIS ATTEMPT FORM GOVERNMENT STILL VALID.

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